

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-20, 22-24, and 26-28 are presently active in this case. The present amendment amends Claim 11 and 16 and cancels Claims 21 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the present amendment can be found, for example, in Claims 21 and 25 and in Figures 2 and 3, along with their corresponding description. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 11-20, 22-24, and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Huynh et al. (U.S. Patent 6,871,492, hereinafter “Huynh”); and objected to Claims 21 and 25, but indicated they were allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 21 and 25. In response, Claims 11 and 16 are amended to include the subject matter of Claims 21 and 25.

In response to the rejection of Claims 11-20, 22-24, and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot.

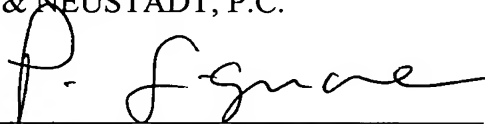
The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which, after Final rejection, permits entry of amendments canceling claims and placing the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment is not believed to raise new issues because the changes to Claims 11 and 16 are merely to incorporate the allowable subject matter of canceled Claims 21 and 25. It is therefore respectfully requested that 37 C.F.R. §1.116 be liberally construed, and that the present amendment be entered.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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